

LANGUAGE IN HEAVEN

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What language will we speak in Heaven? I do not know any definite answer to that question.

You remember that the many languages resulted at the Tower of Babel with man's disobedience to the Lord. Will there be a time in Heaven when we will revert to one language?

When the Apostle John was caught up to Heaven in the Spirit (Revelation 1:10 and 4:2), he understood and recorded his information in Greek. Does that tell us anything?

In Revelation 7:9 there was "a great multitude out of every nation and tribe and people and languages standing before the throne." What about the various languages?

Angels spoke the languages of the various people they visited. Will we have the same ability as they? It is interesting that in Revelation 14 the Lord sends out an angel with an everlasting gospel to speak to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. Those people will be on Earth, and that angel has the ability to speak in all those languages.

Comment: In Acts, everyone understood.

In Zephaniah 3:9 it says, "Then I will restore to the people a pure language that they may call on the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord." If you notice the context, that is not a language in Heaven. That is during the Millennial period when people will be speaking with purified speech, not with one language.

Will dead languages be restored? There will be some people in Heaven who spoke only those languages.

In the paper the other day was a trivia question. How many languages are there in the world? People with Wycliffe Bible Translators translate the Bible into all sorts of languages. There are an astounding six thousand eight hundred and nine languages and dialects in the world today, according to Wycliffe.

Some believe that if there is one language it may be Hebrew. But we have no authority for that. The Genesis account seems to indicate that Adam and Eve spoke a language related to Hebrew. Adam named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living. Eve in Hebrew is the word for living. They acquired a son, Cain, and the word Cain means to acquire. Perhaps a language related to Hebrew will be involved.

We need to leave this question in the hands of the Lord. When we sing and speak, that language problem will be solved.

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